Data Sheet

USAID Mission:

Program Title:

Pillar:

Strategic Objective:

Status:

Planned FY 2005 Obligation: Prior Year Unobligated: Proposed FY 2006 Obligation: Year of Initial Obligation:

Estimated Year of Final Obligation:

West Bank and Gaza Family Health Global Health 294-007 Continuing \$4,823,000 ESF \$10,285,000 ESF

\$16,000,000 ESF

1999 2007

Summary: USAID's health program in the West Bank and Gaza is working to improve and sustain overall performance in the primary health care system. It will also focus on the quality of maternal and child health (MCH) and nutrition (N) services and on the promotion of household level and community health behaviors related to the well-being of women and children. A second component trains social workers and teachers to help children and youth cope emotionally with the violent environment. Health programs provide performance improvement in MCHN services and counseling, training in emergency medical and trauma case management, and the procurement of essential medical equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals. Nutrition and food security programs support the procurement of locally produced olive oil and locally-milled wheat flour with additional support focusing on fortification of wheat flour and other food products and capacity building within the Ministry of Health's Nutrition Department. The key beneficiaries are women, children, and youth.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Maternal Health and Nutrition (\$1,929,000 ESF; \$1,445,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated; \$1,440,000 ESF Wye). As the Mission's primary health care contract (IBM as prime and Palestinian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as sub-grantees) comes to a close, a new maternal child health and nutrition cooperative agreement will be awarded to continue improving the availability of quality MCH and nutrition services at the community level. The new program will focus on management assistance and capacity building, policy dialogue and advocacy, procurement of medical equipment and supplies, research to provide data for decision making, and the awarding of sub-agreements to Palestinian NGOs and institutions. The principal grantee (cooperative agreement) and sub-grantees are to be determined (TBD).

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$1,640,000 ESF; \$1,100,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated; \$1,000,000 ESF Wye). This program will improve the availability of quality child survival, health, and nutrition services. Quality improvement and training, behavior change and communication, and the procurement of vitamins and minerals are also key elements. USAID will continue its support for training public, private, and NGO sector teachers and social workers in technical skills and psychosocial support, counseling, and coping behaviors for children and youth who must live in a violent environment. The principle grantee (cooperative agreement) is with Save the Children.

Reduce Unintended Pregnancy and Improve Healthy Reproductive Behavior (\$1,254,000 ESF; \$1,300,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated; \$1,000,000 ESF Wye). A new maternal child health and nutrition activity will include the promotion of healthy reproductive behavior. Quality improvement and training and behavior change and communication will be the main elements of this component. The principal grantee (cooperative agreement) and sub-grantees are TBD.

Provide Emergency Assistance (full-funded in prior years). USAID will continue building Palestinians' capacity to meet emergency medical needs arising from the crisis. Activities include training in trauma management and emergency care, the procurement of essential medical equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals, establishment of an injury/emergency care surveillance system, and sub-grants that maintain the operational capacity of local rehabilitation and emergency organizations. The principal

grantees (cooperative agreement) are CARE, World Health Organization (WHO), and others TBD.

Increase Food Security of Vulnerable Populations (\$3,000,000 ESF Wye). USAID will continue its support for the distribution of food commodities to the most vulnerable Palestinian communities. The principal grantees are: World Health Organization (WHO), World Food Program (WFP), International Science and Technology Institute (ISTI), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and others.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Maternal Health and Nutrition (\$2,700,000 ESF). The main elements of this program will be: training and quality improvement, management assistance and capacity building, behavior change and communication, policy dialogue and advocacy, and procurement of medical equipment, supplies, vitamins and minerals. Palestinian NGOs and other institutions will also be supported with research to provide data for decision making. The principal grantee is TBD.

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$2,500,000 ESF). This program will continue under a new three year cooperative agreement awarded in first quarter FY 2005. Quality improvement and training, behavior change and communication, and the procurement of vitamins and minerals will be the main elements of this component. The principal grantee is John Snow, Inc. USAID will complete its ongoing and fully-funded support for training public sector, private sector, and NGO teachers and social workers in technical skills and in psychosocial support, counseling, and coping behaviors for children and youth who live in a violent environment. The principal grantee is Save the Children.

Reduce Unintended Pregnancy and Improve Healthy Reproductive Behavior (\$1,800.000 ESF). This initiative will continue under a new agreement. Quality improvement and training and behavior change and communication will be the program's main features. The principal grantee is TBD.

Provide Emergency Assistance (\$3,100,000 ESF). USAID may continue to build the Palestinians' capacity to meet emergency medical needs through a full and open competition. Depending on the situation and needs on the ground, the procurement of medical equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals and sub-grants to Palestinian organizations will continue as will continued sponsorship of health sector coordination. The principal grantees are WHO and others TBD.

Increase Food Security of Vulnerable Populations (\$4,000,000 ESF). USAID may continue to assist Palestinian institutions in strengthening their policies and programs regarding food fortification and micronutrient deficiencies. USAID may also continue its support for the procurement of locally-produced food products benefiting the most food insecure non-refugee families and the private sector. The principle grantees are: WHO, WFP, and others TBD.

Build Health Systems Capacity (\$1,900,000 ESF). USAID may support the establishment of an epidemiological surveillance system to strengthen the Ministry of Health's decision making capacity. Other elements may include strengthening health planning within the Ministry of Health, as well as health insurance finance programs. The principal grantee is TBD.

Performance and Results: USAID's programs continue to improve and sustain performance in the health system. Through the end of FY 2004, USAID procured and distributed medical equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals to approximately 200 non-governmental clinics, hospitals, and public health facilities, serving approximately 570,000 women and children. Training workshops targeting approximately 1,200 health workers have been conducted to strengthen their counseling skills in educating women on the birth cycle, birth spacing, family planning, and baby care. In addition, 108,000 women of reproductive age living in 80 isolated communities have received "take home" health education materials that focus on danger signs during pregnancy, newborn care, breastfeeding, anemia, proper nutrition, and other priority health concerns for women. Approximately 530,000 of the poorest and most vulnerable persons have directly benefited from food distribution programs supported by USAID.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

West Bank and Gaza

ESF
47,752
27,228
20,524
15,956
17,824
63,708
45,052
18,656
10,285
4,823
15,108
16,000
7,000
101,816